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**GEORGE VELASTEGUI APPOINTED DEPUTY REGIONAL ATTORNEY
IN NLRB'S OAKLAND, CA REGIONAL OFFICE**

General Counsel Ronald Meisburg of the National Labor Relations Board today announced the appointment of George Velastegui as Deputy Regional Attorney in the Agency's Oakland, CA Regional Office (Region 32).

In his new position, Mr. Velastegui will assist Regional Director Alan B. Reichard and Regional Attorney William A. Baudler in the enforcement and administration of the National Labor Relations Act in Region 32, which in California services Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne Counties; and in Nevada services Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Ormsby, Pershing, Storey, Washoe and White Counties.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act, the nation's primary labor law. It has two main functions: (1) to conduct secret-ballot elections in which employees vote on whether they want to be represented by a union for purposes of bargaining collectively with their employer about their wages, hours, and working conditions; and (2) to investigate, prosecute, and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.

In announcing the appointment, General Counsel Meisburg stated:

George Velastegui is a skilled lawyer and dedicated public servant who has earned high regard for his commitment and hard work with the Agency. His fine analytical skills and professionalism will serve him well as he continues the tradition of excellence in the Oakland Regional Office.

Mr. Velastegui received a B.A. degree in Political Science from Whittier College in 1979 and a J.D. degree from the University of California at Davis in 1982. He began his NLRB career as a field attorney in Region 32 in 1983.

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